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# Reagan Advises Carter to Keep Bush as CIA Chief

Cites Rebuilding of  
Morale in Agency  
in Difficult Times

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WASHINGTON—Ronald Reagan had some advice Sunday for President Carter: retain George Bush as Central Intelligence Agency director.

The former California governor and confender for the Republican presidential nomination last year said Carter "could do worse than retain the man who's in there now."

Actually, the CIA has no director. Bush resigned when Carter was inaugurated on Jan. 20 and a replacement has yet to be named. Carter reportedly favors Adm. Stansfield Turner, 53, commander of North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces in southern Europe, to fill the post.

"He (Bush) took over the job in difficult times and rebuilt morale in the agency," Reagan said. "We need someone who would be devoted to an effective CIA, because we literally are flying blind today in a dangerous world."

The Californian served on the so-called Rockefeller Commission organized in 1975 to investigate allegations of misconduct by the intelligence agency.

He reportedly was horrified by the prospect of Theodore C. Sorensen, Carter's nominee for CIA director, heading the nation's counterintelligence agency. Sorensen rejected the nomination during hearings on his qualifications.

Reagan contended in a television interview that Russia had quadrupled its counterintelligence effort in recent years and said the United States needed as its CIA director someone "who recognizes the world danger in the greatest buildup of offensive power (by the Russians) since the Hitler buildup of the Wehrmacht."

Until now, Reagan generally has refrained from criticizing Carter. But on his current speaking tour, his first since Carter's inauguration, the former presidential candidate has sharpened his attack on the Democratic chief executive.



SPIRIT OF 66—Ronald Reagan waves Sunday in Washington.

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Sunday was Reagan's 66th birthday—he jokingly said he was celebrating "the 27th anniversary of my 39th birthday"—and he spent part of it at a private party in nearby Alexandria, Va., with some of his presidential campaign aides and supporters.

In addition, he spent part of the day doing what he plans to do repeatedly between now and the 1980 presidential election—helping the political campaigns of those who helped him in the past and will help him in the future.

Reagan flew to Richmond, Va., to help raise money for Wyatt Durette Jr., a Republican candidate for state attorney general this year.

Durette had helped Reagan capture most of Virginia's delegates to the GOP nominating convention last August. He would be expected to help Reagan again in the 1980 presidential race, if Reagan decided to run again.

Will he be too old by then? Reagan laughed when asked and said he did not think so, although, "I know a lot of people who say that by the time you learn the rules, you're too old to play the game."